

HOLD-UP MAN TELLS ABOUT IT

AMUSED HIMSELF WITH MORE ROBBERIES THAN CAME TO LIGHT

Chucked as He Robbed—Gave Back a Diamond Ring—Miss Shipman's Tears Made Him Ashamed—Wouldn't Wait for Woerz to Open His Safe.

Sandrock, Smith, the hold-up man, sent for Capt. Steve O'Brien last night and said he wanted to make a clean breast of all his jobs. O'Brien heard the tale. Then he called in the Police Headquarters reporters and repeated it.

Sandrock's main contention is that he did not go into the hold-up business for the money, but merely to show how easy it would be. He told O'Brien that he had read all the stories Horning had written about the Amateur Crackman, and had gone to the theatre several times to see the play. He said he was not a robber, but a showman.

Sandrock admitted that Smith had confessed certain robberies which O'Brien thought it would not be wise to tell anything about until the police had made further investigations. His first hold-up in particular, O'Brien says, has never been reported to the police.

Smith's version of this job: "A few days after Thanksgiving I rang the bell of a house in Seventy-sixth street between Eighth and Columbus avenues. It was a fine, big house, with a brownstone front and a high stoop. I don't remember the number. A woman, evidently the wife of the owner, for she was not dressed like a servant, opened the door. I picked her up and carried her into the hall. I stepped into the hallway and told her that I had to have money."

"She got pale and I thought she would drop in a heap on the hall floor. She said: 'My dear man, I have no money with me this minute, but here, take this.' She handed me a diamond ring that she pulled off a finger of her right hand, and I was a beauty. Then she began to cry. I asked her what she was crying about and she said: 'Oh, I am sorry I gave you that. I really can't bear to part with it. My mother wore that ring and so did my grandmother before her. If you will only give it back to me I give you my word I will send you money to any address you may name, and I will keep faith with you and not give you away to the police.'"

"I gave her the ring and told her that was all right. This was my first job, and I guess I was easy. As I started for the door she called to me and said that no doubt I had been tramping around in the wet it was darned sleety that night and that I must be cold and hungry. If I would wait she would send for the butler and have a nice supper prepared for me. Before I could answer she had pressed a button and the butler appeared."

"I told her I was not hungry. When the butler reached the head of the stairs she told him he might go back. As I went out the door, hailing politely to her, for she was a good sort, she followed me and told me to be careful of myself, to watch the foot steps in going down. When I got to the sidewalk she called out: 'Now, why don't you reform and be a good man?'"

"I almost made up my mind on the spot that I had had enough of the game right there, but somehow it had got a fascination for me and I decided to have at least one more try at it."

"Really, captain, you couldn't imagine how much fun I have had. The way some of these folks I visited were scared struck me as funny that even when I was trying to look fierce and bloodthirsty I had to turn my head to keep from snickering in their faces."

"That Woerz job was the biggest snap of all. I chuckled that mark, Helen Leonard, upstairs at the point of my gun and she led me right to the room where Woerz's daughter and niece were dressing. They sat down and gaped. I took a seat, too, and spoke to them politely. I told them to keep their heads down and wouldn't hurt them unless I had to, but that I was after money, and I needed it bad. Then Miss Hoffman, Woerz's niece, who identified me yesterday, said: 'Wait until my uncle comes downstairs. He has plenty of money.'"

"A few seconds later Woerz stepped into the room. I covered him with my revolver and he threw up his hands, said 'Don't shoot' and asked what I wanted. When I told him I wanted money, he said: 'There is a safe over there in the corner. Do you want me to open that?' I told him I didn't. If he had any cash in his pockets and he tossed me a roll that he took out of his vest pocket. I backed out of the room. There was a lot of jewelry lying on a table in the corner, but I didn't touch it. It would have been easy to have taken away a pocketful of diamonds."

"Before leaving I cautioned them not to yell or try to follow me, and they certainly obeyed orders. There is a big bay window in the front of that house and had they tried for help no doubt I would have had plenty of cops and others on my trail in a jiffy. I walked up Fifth avenue and turned into Central Park at the Arsenal gate, brushing against two policemen as I went in. I went through the Park and walked out at Sixty-second street into Eighth avenue. I took an elevated train south at Sixty-sixth street, getting off at Thirty-fourth street and Ninth avenue. I went to a boys' lodging house on Thirty-fourth street near Eighth avenue and counted the toll. There was just \$35."

"At the house of Dr. Talbot I did not have a chance to pull my gun because a maid saw it sticking out of my pocket and set up a scream. Dr. Talbot and two young men who had rigs on like bathing suits ran to the head of the stairs and one of them pointed a small rifle at me. I didn't like the looks of it, so I levelled both my eyes at the bunch and backed out. One of the women in the house, the cook I think, followed me. She was so scared that she couldn't yell very loud. Before reaching the corner she quit the chase and ran back to the house. As I turned the corner my cap was blown off and a bike cop who was standing talking to another cop laughed at me as I chased it up the street. That was really the only job where I was followed from the house."

"The trick I pulled off at the college boys' home, the Delta Psi, I think they

WALKED 60 MILES IN 24 HOURS.

English Student at Cornell Struggles Through Snow and Wins a Bet.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Richard Henry Vernon, a freshman in Cornell University who comes from London, England, proved his British tenacity in a recent wager he made with some of his fellow students that he could walk sixty miles in twenty-four consecutive hours. The American undergraduates contended that the young Englishman could not perform the feat, especially because of the prevailing snow and the snow-drifted condition of the country roads. Vernon had not thought of these conditions, but he stuck to his boast, and a sixty-mile course was charted on a local map.

Vernon started before sunrise, followed in a few hours by friends in a sleigh. Toward evening the strain and the extreme cold began to tell on him. He ate his evening meal at Ithaca, N. Y., and there his friends tried to persuade him to give up the task and return with them to Ithaca in a sleigh, instead of struggling through the drifted snow for the remaining twenty-five miles. But Vernon would not give up, although he was in an exhausted condition. His friends drove behind him all the remaining way to Ithaca, expecting him to collapse at any moment. But Vernon struggled through the snow and arrived back in Ithaca at about 5 o'clock in the morning, one hour before his wager time was up.

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CZAR FORCED FROM REFORMS.

GRAND DUCAL PRESSURE DEFIES DEMANDS OF HIS SUBJECTS

Manifesto Providing a More Liberal Government Was Ready for His Signature—Then Came Complete Change of Policy—6,000 Reservists Mutiny.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph sends information which strikingly verifies the prediction contained in THE SUN'S despatches Friday that the czar would be forced by the Grand Ducal cortege away from his attitude in favor of reform.

The correspondent says that without rhyme or reason another extraordinary volte-face has taken place in Government spheres which betokens an increase in the Grand Ducal influence, marks fresh opposition to the popular demands and makes confusion worse confounded.

He reiterates the main points of his previous story concerning the attitude of M. Witte, President of the Council, and M. Yermoloff, Minister of Agriculture, in favor of reforms, and says that after continuous labor a touching and impressive manifesto was drawn up, which would have gone far to win back to the autocracy the forfeited sympathies of the population.

It was impressed on the nation that whatever might be urged against the bureaucracy the czar was the protector and father of his people. It was announced that his Majesty had ordered a special court to investigate the events of Jan. 22, and that he decreed that the shoulders of innocent blood be punished, the victims suitably provided for, and that genuine grievances of the workers be bettered by legislation which would take precedence of other reforms.

The manifesto, which was admirably worded, was about to be presented to his Majesty for signature, after which its promulgation would have followed immediately, when Court Minister Baron Fredericks appeared and made a statement to the effect that the reception by the Emperor of the deputation of workmen at Tarskoe-Selo and his gracious address to them would secure all the desirable effects aimed at by the manifesto, while eliminating its many disadvantages.

The unpleasant and unproven necessity would then be obviated of prolonging the public excitement by an inquiry and of punishing zealous men for doing what they reasonably believed to be their duty. As for relieving the sufferers, the czar would himself give 50,000 rubles for the purpose.

His Majesty had for these reasons ordered him (Baron Fredericks) to thank the framers of the manifesto in his name for their well meant advice and zealous work, and to inform them that he considered the manifesto superfluous. Thus the golden bridge by which it was intended to connect the autocracy with the Russian people has been for the second time destroyed by those for whose use and benefit it was constructed.

Continuing, the correspondent says that at present things are in a bewildering tangle once more, and the only slender hope for the moment lies in the reform labors of the Committee of Ministers, always supposing that they are not nullified as the manifesto has been.

CHADWICK VICTIM DEAD.
President Beckwith of the Wrecked Oberlin Bank Dies of His Troubles.

BERLIN, O., Feb. 5.—President C. T. Beckwith of the Citizens' National Bank, wrecked by loans to Mrs. Chadwick, died at his residence here last night at 10:45 o'clock. He had been failing ever since his bank went down and there is no doubt that his troubles broke his health so that he died as he lived.

Beckwith was under arrest for his dealings with Mrs. Chadwick. He was about 65 years old and had been practically prostrated ever since the bank failed. He had been in the hospital for some time, but he had been failing ever since his bank went down and there is no doubt that his troubles broke his health so that he died as he lived.

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FIGHT ON THE THEATRE TRUST.

Belasco to Ask Attorney-General Moody to Proceed Against It.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 5.—David Belasco has opened Tacoma and Portland to Blanche Basse in the face of a fiercest fight by the theatre trust. Three weeks ago a company was formed to convert the six story Abbott building in Tacoma into the Auditorium Grand Theatre for the use of the independent circuit. Two hundred men are laboring night and day to complete the interior for Miss Basse's appearance on Friday night.

A bill having an emergency clause has been drafted by the representatives of the theatre trust for passage at Olympia with the object of shutting out Miss Basse by the embodiment of requirements which the Abbott building cannot fill. Belasco's agents have taken the matter up with the legislators and the bill will not pass.

John Kirby, representing Mr. Belasco, leased the Grand Theatre vaudeville house at Portland for Miss Basse, the lease being secured from John Considine. Kirby declares that Considine subsequently offered \$10,000 to be released from the contract, which Mr. Belasco declined. According to Kirby the trust influenced Considine through his partner, Timothy Sullivan, who in turn was reached by Klaw & Erlanger, through Sheriff Erlanger of New York.

Belasco's managers, including Kirby, have been securing evidence for the past year throughout the country to prove that Belasco and his attraction have been discriminated against by Klaw & Erlanger, financial agents of the theatre syndicate, forcing him and his stars out of their theatres. The evidence, comprising chiefly telegrams and letters, will be presented, Kirby says, before United States Attorney General Moody with a request that he proceed against the trust under the Sherman Anti-trust law.

NEWARK PASTOR MISSING.

The Rev. F. E. C. Haas Went for a Walk Thursday—Not Seen Since.

Shortly after his dinner last Thursday, the Rev. F. E. C. Haas, pastor of the Mulberry Street German Lutheran Church in Newark, told his wife and children that he thought he would take a walk. He asked him to put on a better suit of clothes, but he said that as he would be back soon it was not worth the bother.

He has not been seen or heard from since that time, and Mrs. Haas is convinced that he has come to harm of some sort. She fears that he may have met with an accident and may be in some hospital or other institution, but the hospitals of Newark and the surrounding towns have been canvassed and no trace of the missing minister has been found.

Mrs. Haas said that, so far as she knew, her husband was in the best of spirits when he left and had nothing on his mind to disturb him seriously. They lived happily together. At one time he had talked of giving up the ministry and going into business, but he had not talked of it recently.

Mr. Haas came to Newark in March 1, 1901, to succeed the late Rev. George Schmick, who had been pastor of the church for thirty years and who retired on account of failing health. Previous to that Mr. Haas had been pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bayonne.

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LOOKS LIKE MOVE FOR PEACE

BRITISH DIPLOMATS HOLD LONG CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT.

Suggested That This Government May Be Asked to Take the First Step Toward Ending the War in the Far East—A Precedent for This Mode of Procedure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador, and Cecil Spring-Rice, Secretary of the British Embassy at St. Petersburg, made a long visit to the White House to-night. The President and the two diplomats were together until 11 o'clock, and in that time no other visitors were received.

When he was leaving the White House the Ambassador was asked if his business with the President related to proposals for bringing the Russo-Japanese war to an end.

"No peace proposals, and nothing I can tell you," was his indefinite response. The greatest significance in connection with this unusual visit of the two British representatives to the